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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1951

BY

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Littlehampton Urban District Council

COUNCIL OFFICES,
MANOR HOUSE,
LITTLEHAMPTON.

June, 1952.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1951.

The Birth Rate has fallen but the Corrected Rate of 16.1 is above the rate of 15.5 for England and Wales.

The Death Rate has risen in similar proportion to that for England and Wales. The Corrected Rate of 11.0 is significantly lower than the rate of 12.5 for England and Wales.

Again there were no maternal deaths. There were five deaths of infants under one year but with such a small number one cannot make comparisons with other areas that have any statistical significance.

The Tuberculosis Death Rate appears high but again there were only a small number and the rate cannot be regarded with any significance. It is interesting to record that the proportion of males with Pulmonary Tuberculosis to females is 52 to 19.

From my observations I consider the general health of the children good. I have noticed very few children with glands in the neck compared with those I have seen in the north of England. I attribute this to the fact that most of the children I saw in the north drank raw milk, whereas in Littlehampton Urban District they drink pasteurised milk.

I conclude these remarks by referring to those children, who are more than I like to see, who go to bed too late. Parents who allow or sometimes encourage their children to stay up late are depriving them of enjoying the best of health. Their attention in the classroom is diminished and they are more susceptible to illness. They require adequate rest in the summer time just as much as in the winter.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
FRANK COCKCROFT,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Urban District Council.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 2,720.

Resident Population (1951), estimated by Registrar General, 13,990.

Population (1951) Census, 13,948.

Rateable Value (1951), £142,512.

Sum represented by 1d. Rate, £590.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1951 according to Rate Book, 3,822.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births—	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	200	96	104	—Birth Rate per 1,000 of the
Illegitimate	10	2	8	estimated resident population, 15.01.
Stillbirths	...	7	5	2—Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 32.3.
Deaths	...	177	81	96—Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 12.7.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth: None.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 5.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 23.8.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 20.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 100.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 32.

Deaths from Measles (all ages). None.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), None.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), 2.

Comparative Statistics, 1951.

		England and Wales	West Sussex Urban	Rural	Littlehampton U.D.
Birth Rate	...	15.5	11.7	14.01	15.01
Death Rate	...	12.5	16.3	12.7	12.7
Infantile Death Rate	...	29.6	24.	25.	23.8
Pulmonary Tuberculosis					
Death Rate	...	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
Cancer Death Rate	...	1.9	2.8	2.3	2.3
Maternal Mortality Rate, per 1,000 births	...	0.79	0.5	0.5	0.0

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

MR. J. L. McGARRY, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

I. Local Health Authority Services.

(a) Nursing.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area.

(b) Maternity.

A Maternity and Child Welfare centre and Ante-Natal Clinic are provided at Littlehampton Health Centre, Elm Grove Road.

(c) School Clinics.

School Clinics for minor ailments are held at Littlehampton Health Centre.

An Eye Clinic is held when required at the Health Centre.

Dental Clinics are held periodically at Littlehampton and Lyminster for the treatment of children with decayed teeth.

Ear Clinics are held from time to time at the Chichester Health Centre, and appointments are made for children suffering from ear disease to attend.

Speech Therapy Clinics are held at Chichester Health Centre and Bognor Regis Health Centre.

(d) Orthopædic Clinics.

These are held at Chichester Health Centre to which Littlehampton School children are taken by appointment for treatment of crippling defects. The Orthopædic Nurse supervises children who have been prescribed exercises at these Clinics.

(e) Physiotherapy Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre.

(f) Chest Clinics.

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and at Aldingbourne House Sanatorium, both of which are available to the residents of Littlehampton.

(g) Venereal Disease.

The Worthing Hospital Management Committee have made arrangements entitling residents in the district to attend the Clinics for Venereal Diseases held at Worthing Hospital.

(h) Ambulance Service.

Acting as agents for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case, or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Lists showing names and addresses of midwives, health visitors and general nurses may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls or Offices of local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, County Hall, Chichester. Information as to the situation of clinics and times of sessions may be obtained from the same sources, or from the local midwife, health visitors or general nurse.

II. Hospital and Specialist Services.

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Doctors can arrange whatever forms of treatment are needed for their patients in general or special hospitals, whether as in-patients or out-patients; Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances subject to appropriate charges. All types of cases are thus provided for—medical, surgical, maternity, infectious diseases, and those requiring sanatorium or mental hospital treatment.

The Worthing Group Hospitals comprise Worthing, Southlands, Swandeans, Littlehampton and Arundel Hospitals, Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington, and certain Convalescent Homes.

III. General Medical and Dental Services.

Everyone is entitled as part of the arrangements for the National Health Service to general medical and dental care. Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 63, South Street, Chichester.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory at Brighton is in full use for the examination of bacteriological specimens.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE

Byelaws made and confirmed by the Council in 1950 under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 were confirmed by the Ministry of Health in December 1950 and came into force in January, 1951.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.—SECTION 47

No action was taken under this Section during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

There is an abundant supply of pure water obtained from deep well boring in the Downs at Burpham. The supply is constant and all the houses in that area are served direct. The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Fifteen samples of raw water and 31 samples of water after chlorination were sent for bacteriological examination. All the results were satisfactory. Seven samples were sent for chemical analysis and proved satisfactory.

Only 11 houses are not supplied from the public mains.

Extensions of mains during the year:—

Wickbourne Estate	293 yards.
R.N.A.S. Estate, Horsham Road	570 yards.
R.N.A.S. Estate, Horsham Road	140 yards.

Sewers.

Extension of sewers during the year:—

Horsham Road	75 yards—12" diameter.
Arundel Road	274 yards—12" diameter.

Rivers and Streams.

Observations are kept on the river Arun, as it passes through the town, to prevent offal and waste materials being thrown into the river.

Swimming Baths.

There are no swimming baths or pools in the district.

SCHOOLS

There are seven Primary and Secondary schools in the district. All are provided with water closets and with the town water supply.

HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS, 1951

Seven new houses were erected during 1951 by private enterprise and 50 by the Local Authority.

1.—Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:—

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	176
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .	858
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	75
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	414
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2*.
*An undertaking under Sub-section 3 of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, was accepted in one case.	
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	150

2.—Remedying of defects during the year without service of formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	143
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

Statutory action was taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in two cases.

There are many houses in the district which are sub-standard, but owing to the shortage of housing accommodation action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, cannot at present take place.

4.—Housing Act, 1935—Overcrowding:—

(a) i.	No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	3
ii.	No. of families dwelling therein	...	...				7
iii.	No. of persons dwelling therein	...	...				20
(b)	No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	...	...	7
(c) i.	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...	...	10
ii.	No. of persons concerned in such cases	...					79 $\frac{1}{2}$
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...					None

Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restriction) Act, 1920

During the year no application has been made for a certificate under the above Act.

Houses let in Lodgings.

No action has been necessary under the Bye-laws in force in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	26	91	5	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	95	199	4	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	121	290	9	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	34	34	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:—					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	13	13	—	4	—
Other offences	10	10	—	—	—
Total ...	60	60	—	4	—

There are two Outworkers in the district.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Und. 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	1	2	6	—	1	—	10
Whooping Cough ...	8	43	56	64	4	—	—	175
Ac. Poliomyelitis:								
Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	13	77	90	245	31	—	3	459
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Und. 5 years	5—14	15—44	45—64	65 and over	Total
Pneumonia	6	—	3	1	12
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	2	—	2
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	2	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	2	—	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	10	2	—
Whooping Cough ...	175	6	—
Measles ...	459	4	—
Pneumonia ...	12	2	—
Erysipelas ...	2	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	3	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows:—

	Estimated population mid-year 1951.	Total number of children immunised.
Under 5 years of age	1,271	790
5-14 years of age	2,290	1,401

In addition, 59 children received a third reinforcing dose during the year.

No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year.

Food Poisoning.

Three cases were notified during the year. All the cases were in one household. Specimens of food, etc., were sent for bacteriological examination but no pathogenic organisms were isolated.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
65 and upwards	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	8	4	—	—	3	3	—	2

No person died from Tuberculosis who had not been notified during life.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) REGULATIONS

It has not been necessary to serve any notice under these Regulations which prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis taking part in the production of milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172

No action has had to be taken by the Council under this section, which gives power to Sanitary Authorities to apply in special cases for a magistrate's order for the removal of Tuberculous persons to an Institution for isolation.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1951

To the Chairman and Members of the Littlehampton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you a report of the work carried out during the year 1951, this being my nineteenth Annual Report.

Inspection of the District.

During the year 6,932 inspections and visits have been made as follows:—

Infectious diseases and contagious diseases (including Tuberculosis)	139
Nuisances and complaints	133
Revisits to property under notice	444
Revisits where work was in progress	167
Interviews with owners, agents or builders	247
Drainage inspections, smoke and water tests to drains...	371
Butcher's shops	231
Dairies and milkshops	80
Bakehouses	48
Factories	242
Workplaces	22
Re refuse receptacles and sanitary conveniences ...	186
Re overcrowding	46
Ice cream premises	143
Refreshment rooms	245
Cinemas	15
Fried Fish Shops	7
Food Preparation Premises	474

Re Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	2,454
Re tents, vans, sheds and similar structures	...	...	...	173	
Re swine and fowls ...	...	...	...	...	29
Re water supply	...	...	...	...	70
Public conveniences and urinals	...	...	...	...	5
Vermin	...	...	...	...	158
Refuse accumulations	...	...	...	...	159
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	307
No. of houses inspected under the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	75		
Re Shops Act, 1934 ...	...	...	...	...	52
No. of rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	191
Mosquitoes	...	...	...	...	16
Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951	...	...	3		

Notices served.

Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	7
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	328

Outstanding Notices.

At the end of 1951 7 informal notices had not been complied with, but in all cases instructions had been given by the owners to builders.

Complaints.

During the year a total of 190 complaints were received and had reference to the following matters :—

Condition of house	...	...	...	...	...	6
Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	88
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	15
Need for new or additional and defective condition of dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	14
Choked and defective condition of drains	...	...	...	...	...	25
Smells	...	...	...	...	...	7
Obstruction of light	...	...	...	...	...	2

Defective roofs ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Animals and swine ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective gates ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective condition of gutters ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective or choked condition of W.C.'s ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective sashcords ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Committing of nuisances ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Flooding ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective condition of floor ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Insufficient lighting ...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sanitary improvements and defects remedied during the year:

Roofs repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	104
Windows repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Floors relaid and repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Ceilings repaired and cleansed ...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Staircases repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Fireplaces and cooking ranges repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Walls repaired and repointed ...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Insufficient ventilation remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Insufficient lighting remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	86
Washing coppers provided or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Eaves or downspouting provided or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Doors provided or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Chimney stacks repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Sanitary conveniences repaired or provided with cisterns ...	...	...	...	...	...	84
New dustbins and covers provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Drains opened and cleansed ...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Drains relaid and repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Inspection chambers, interceptors and traps provided to drains ...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Overflowing cesspools ...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sanitary sinks provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sink or bath wastes repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	10

Urinals, etc.—cleansed, repaired, reconstructed or fitted with automatic flushing apparatus	...	13
Soil pipes repaired	...	2
Yards paved or yard paving repaired	...	2
Yards cleansed	...	9
Verminous rooms cleansed and bedding destroyed		54
Overcrowding remedied	...	10
Rooms cleansed	...	81
Accumulations of rubbish and manure removed	...	28
Offensive or stagnant water drained from ponds, tanks, etc.	...	2
Caravans: insanitary sites and providing of W.C.'s, etc.	...	3
Pantries provided and ventilated to the open air	...	1
Food Premises: Drains cleansed and sanitary accommodation repaired, walls and ceilings repaired	...	14
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949—contraventions	...	5
Bakehouses: cleansing, repairs, etc.	...	4
Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924—contraventions	...	1
Factories: sanitary accommodation improved or repaired, rooms repaired or cleansed	...	60
Ice Cream Premises: cleansed, repaired, dirty and uncovered containers, etc.	...	6
Shops Act, 1934—contraventions	...	5

Moveable Dwellings.

There are four permanent sites for Moveable Dwellings in Littlehampton. Three are situated on the West side of the River Arun and are licensed for a total of 33 trailer caravans.

The largest site is situated at the North of the district and is licensed for 100 tents and trailers.

All sites are provided with town's water, water-closets or Elsan-closets, and were maintained in a fairly good condition throughout the year.

Dairies and Milkshops.

At the end of 1951 there were five cowkeepers, all of whom sold their milk wholesale.

There are 5 retailers on the register, four resident in the district, and one who sells milk in the district from premises outside.

Eighty inspections were made of dairies during the year when it was found that conditions were being maintained very satisfactorily.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

The following licences were granted during 1951 under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Dealers licence authorizing the use of the special designation Tuberculin-tested	... ... ...	7
Dealers licence authorizing the use of the special designation Pasteurised	... ... ...	4

Clean Milk Production.

All milk sold in Littlehampton, with the exception of bottled Tuberculin-Tested milk, is Pasteurised.

Steam for sterilizing churns, cans, measures, etc., is in use at all Dairies.

Sixty-eight samples of designated milk (43 Pasteurised or Heat-treated, and 25 Tuberculin Tested) have been sent for bacteriological examination. All samples satisfied the standard prescribed by the Regulations.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

There has been no slaughtering in this district since the Government Controlled Slaughtering ceased on March 14th, 1942.

During the year 231 visits were paid to Butchers' shops and the following defective or unsatisfactory conditions were observed:—

Need for new sink	1
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The following weights of meat and offal were surrendered as unfit for food:—

879½ lbs. Beef.

5 x 6 lb. tins Corned Beef.

Food Preparation Premises.

During the year 474 visits were paid to food preparation premises and the following defective or unsatisfactory conditions were observed:—

Defective condition of drains ...	...	...	...	1
Accumulation of refuse ...	...	...	...	1
Premises in need of cleansing and redecoration ...				2
Need for additional dustbins ...	...	...	...	1
Food open to contamination ...	...	...	...	1

All premises where food is prepared are periodically visited.

The following were surrendered as unfit for food:—

528 tins meat products.	5 boxes Italian peaches.
562 „ fruit.	183 $\frac{3}{4}$ stone fish.
276 „ fish products.	2 bags whelks.
243 „ miscellaneous products.	94 dozen eggs.
93 jars „	300 rabbits.
163 pkts. of cake mixtures and jellies.	6 hares.
	646 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. rationed foods.
	247 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. miscellaneous foods.

Restaurants and Cafes.

There are at present 65 premises on the register and 245 inspections of these premises have been made.

The following defective or unsatisfactory conditions were observed:—

Need for cleansing and redecoration ...	...	...	1
Choked condition of drains ...	...	...	3
Accumulation of refuse ...	...	...	2
Defective condition of roof ...	...	...	1
Smoking in kitchen ...	...	...	1

Ice Cream Premises.

During the year there were 92 premises at which ice cream was prepared, stored or offered for sale, and in connection with these premises 143 inspections were made.

The following defective or unsatisfactory conditions were found, and in each case the necessary work was carried out:—

Need for fixing of recording thermometer	...	...	1
Premises in need of cleansing	...	...	3
Uncovered conservers	...	...	1
Utensils in need of cleansing	...	...	1

Seventy-two samples of ice cream were taken and sent for bacteriological examination during the year, and the results are given as follows:—

No. of samples.	Grade.	Average fat content.
60	I	11.2%
3	II	11.9%
4	III	9.5%
5	IV	9.4%

The average fat content of all samples was 11.1%.

Clean Food Campaign.

During 1951 1,228 visits were paid to the different food premises and improvements carried out where possible. There is therefore no additional information other than was given in the reply to the Ministry of Food Circular M.F.12/49.

Bakehouses.

There are seven bakehouses in the district, two of which are underground.

Forty-eight inspections have been carried out, and the following unsatisfactory conditions were observed:—

Bakehouses in need of cleansing and redecoration	...	3
Defective condition of W.C.	...	1

Fried Fish Shops.

There are four fried fish shops operating in the district at present.

Six visits have been paid to fried fish shops, and conditions were maintained in a satisfactory manner.

Shops Act, 1934.

During the year 52 visits have been paid to shops, and the following defective or unsatisfactory conditions were found:—

Dirty condition of sanitary conveniences	...	...	1
Defective condition of drains	...	...	3
Need for the provision of hot water	...	...	1

Section 89, Public Health Act, 1936.

All inns, public houses and beer houses have been inspected during the year in an endeavour to obtain hygienic conditions. At several of the premises improvements were made to sanitary accommodation.

Public Health Act 1936—Sections 83, 84 and 85.

During the year it was necessary to have 54 verminous rooms cleansed. In two cases bedding was removed for destruction. No person was removed to a Cleansing Station.

Disinfection.

During the year 191 rooms have been disinfected.

By arrangement with the West Sussex County Council, steam disinfection can be carried out at the Central Laundry, Chichester.

Rag Flock and Other Fillings Act, 1951.

No premises have been found where Rag Flock is in use or on sale.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Eighty-eight complaints were received and dealt with during the year. In each case visits were paid until the rats or mice were exterminated.

The only major infestation in the district is on land used for controlled tipping on the West Bank of the River Arun. This area receives constant attention. The sewers also receive systematic attention, and inspections are carried out on agricultural land.

A free service is given in respect of private dwelling houses, but charges are made in respect of business premises.

Extermination work is successfully accomplished by the use of Zinc Phosphide, Red Squill, Arsenious poison baits, "Horo Tubes", Antubaits, and "Cyanide" Fumigation and trapping. The estimated number of rats killed during the year was 1,947 (Ministry of Food Formula).

The following tables show statistics which have been sent to the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of works carried out during 1951.

	Type of Property.				
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All other (including Business & Industrial)	Total
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	22	3680	13	485	4200
II. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1951 as a result (a) of notification or (b) otherwise (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	(a) —	22	—	—	22
	(b) 391	368	6	8	773
III. Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by rats (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	Major	—	—	—	—
	Minor	97	1	1	98
IV. Number of properties (under II) found to be seriously infested by mice (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	—	6	—	—	6
V. Number of infested properties (under III and IV) treated by the Local Authority (Notes 1, 2 and 3)	—	103	—	—	103
VI. Number of notices served under Section 4:— (1) Treatment (2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	—	—	—	—	—
	—	5	—	—	5
Total	—	5	—	—	5
VII. Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of notice under Section 4	—	—	—	—	—
VIII. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of "block" control schemes carried out — 24.					

Eradication of Bed-bugs.

One Non-Council house was found to be infested with bed-bugs. This was disinfested by the Council by the use of D.D.T. insecticides.

No houses were disinfested by the use of Hydrogen Cyanide, nor has it been necessary to disinfect the furniture of prospective tenants to Council houses

Sanitary Accommodation.

The approximate number of water-closets in the district at the end of the year was 4,452.

There are 19 pail-closets in use, but these are situated at Toddington on nursery land, which part of the district is not connected to the sewer. There are also 81 cesspools mainly in the Eastern area. The scheme for sewage in the Eastern area which was in progress was temporarily suspended because of the war.

House refuse is collected weekly by the use of covered lorries, and the refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the West side of the River Arun.

Public Conveniences.

There are ten Public Conveniences, eight Ladies' and nine Gentlemen's, and they have been maintained in a satisfactory condition during the year.

Sunshine and Rainfall Statistics.

Month.	SUNSHINE (Hours)		RAINFALL (Inches)	
	1951.	Average for 37 years.	1951.	Average for 37 years.
January	65.7	65.0	3.77	3.04
February	78.5	85.0	6.41	2.18
March	113.2	139.8	3.82	1.82
April	209.6	176.2	2.37	1.87
May	199.8	225.3	2.28	1.85
June	294.0	238.5	1.94	1.55
July	247.4	220.0	2.14	2.11
August	197.6	209.9	3.72	2.24
September ...	123.0	162.3	3.12	2.22
October	150.4	124.6	1.43	2.91
November ...	78.6	75.4	4.63	3.36
December	61.4	59.1	2.59	2.94
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Totals	1819.2	1781.1	38.22	28.09
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SUNSHINE

RAINFALL

Years.	No. of hours.	Daily Average.	No. of days on which sun was recorded.	No. of inches.	No. of days on which rain was recorded.
1923	1831.5	5.02	209	30.10	185
1924	1789.5	4.80	307	31.10	153
1925	1915.2	5.25	326	33.30	159
1926	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. McGARRY.

